करण कार्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत वर्तमान वर्ष (1988-89) के दौरान वनीकरण का लक्ष्य 2 मिलियन हैक्टेयर है। जुलाई-सितम्बर के त्रैमास में किये गये कार्य के परिणाम नवम्बर, 1988 तक प्राप्त होंगे।

(ग) राष्ट्रीय ग्रामीण रोजगार कार्यक्रम, ग्रामीण भूमिहीन रोजगार गारन्टी कार्यक्रम और सूखा पड़ने वाले क्षेत्रों के लिये कार्यक्रम जैसी परियोजनाओं के अन्तर्गत मध्य प्रदेश में वर्तमान वर्ष के दौरान वनीकरण कार्यकलापों पर 18.07 करोड़ रुपये की धनराशि खर्च किये जाने की आशा है। इसके अतिरिक्त राष्ट्रीय परती भूमि विकास बोर्ड के सीधे प्रशासनिक नियंत्रण के अधीन ग्रामीण ईंधन लकड़ी वृक्षारोपण और विकेन्द्रित जन पौधशालाओं की केन्द्र द्वारा प्रायोजित परियोजनाओं के अन्तर्गत मध्य प्रदेश में वनीकरण के लिये वर्ष 1988-89 में 302 लाख रुपये की राशि आबंटित की गई है जबकि 1987-88 में यह राशि केवल 245 लाख रुपये थी।

Amendment in Criminal Procedure Code

@3466. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to amend Criminal Procedure Code for taking effective meausres in Matrimonial matters; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Aid from Aid India Consortium

3467. SHRI P. N. SUKUL:

SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of aid pledged to India by the Aid India Consortium for the new fiscal year;

(b) whether it represents an increase or decrease over the aid provided by the Consortium last year;

(c) whether any special projects have been mentioned by the Consortium for the utilisation of its aid amount in the new fiscal year; and

(d) if so, what are the details of the projects to be financed out of the aid amount and the rate of interest to be charged thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The Aid India Consortium indicated total aid pledges of the order of US Dollar 6.3 billion in 1988-89 for India's development projects and programmes. This represents an increase of 16 per cent over the aid pledges of US Dollar 5.4 billion given last year.

(c) and (d) The details such as projects to be financed and the terms and conditions of such assistance are known as and when bilateral and multilateral aid negotiations are completed/finalised.

Sickness in the Jute Industry

3468. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that sickness in the jute industry is growing and that 65 per cent of the credit given to the industry may never be recovered; and

(b) if so, what steps Government are taking to revive the industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) and (b) There was sickness in the jute industry. Of late, jute industry is improving its performance because of various measures taken by the Government such as:

@Previously Unstarred Question 2768, transferred from the 18th August, 1988.

(i) Enactment of a legislation i.e. Jute Packaging Materials (Compulsory Use in Packing Commodities) Act, 1987 for mandatory usage of jute packaging material for certain sectors of the economy.

(ii) Setting up of Jute Modernisation Fund of Rs. 150 crores with effect from 1st November, 1986 for modernisation of jute mills.

(iii) Setting up of a Special Development Fund of Rs. 100 crores for restructuring/re-opening/rehabilitation of jute industry as well as development of jute agriculture.

(iv) Waiver of Customs duty on import of certain specified items of jute machinery and accessories with a view to encouraging modernisation programme of jute mills.

(v) Providing cash compensatory support for export of jute goods.

(vi) Purchase of jute goods by Government (DGS&D) from jute industry at cost plus price according to Palekar formula.

(vii) Creation of a buffer stock scheme of raw jute so as to bring stability in raw jute prices.

Killing of an Assistant Commissioner of Income-Tax in Tinsukia, Assam

3469. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Assistant Commissioner of Income Tax was shot dead at Tinsukia in Assam on the 1st August, 1988; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) what steps Government propose to take to provide protection to such officials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) In view of answer to Part (a) of the Question, does not arise.

Export of Cotton

3470. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have estimated a bumper crop of cotton during the current year; if so, what is the estimated quantity thereof;

(b) whether Government are examining the possibility of export of cotton; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) While a good crop of cotton is expected during 1988-89 in view of the abundant rains this year, a provisional estimate is possible only by October/November, 1988.

(b) and (c) The quantum of export of cotton will depend upon factors such as crop size, domestic requirements and prices. No details in this regard can be indicated at this time.

Identification of Rivers with the Object of Removal of Pollution

3471. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some rivers have been identified during the last three months for the purpose of removal of pollution; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b) Though no such identification has been undertaken in the last three months, the Central Pollution Control Board has completed detailed river basin studies for the rivers Ganga, Yammuna, Damodar, Subarnarekha, Brahmani-Baitarni, Krishna and Sabarmati. Studies are in progress for the river Cau-